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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The notice for the proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address any of the following: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) Minimize the burden of

the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses; and (e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov). Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice should be directed to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

### **Proposed Project**

National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS)  
[OMB No. 0920-0278, Expiration Date 12/31/2014]- Revision -  
National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for  
Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

## Background and Brief Description

Section 306 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 242k), as amended, authorizes that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting through NCHS, shall collect statistics on "utilization of health care" in the United States. The National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) has been conducted annually since 1992. The purpose of NHAMCS is to meet the needs and demands for statistical information about the provision of ambulatory medical care services in the United States. Ambulatory services are rendered in a wide variety of settings, including physicians' offices and hospital outpatient and emergency departments, and ambulatory surgery centers.

The target universe of the NHAMCS is in-person visits made to outpatient departments (OPDs), emergency departments (EDs), and ambulatory surgery locations (ASLs) of non-Federal, short-stay hospitals (hospitals with an average length of stay of less than 30 days) or those whose specialty is general (medical or surgical) or children's general.

The objective of this revision is to make slight modifications to survey questions.

Users of NHAMCS data include, but are not limited to, congressional offices, Federal agencies, state and local governments, schools of public health, colleges and universities, private industry, nonprofit foundations, professional associations, clinicians, researchers, administrators, and health planners. There are no costs to the respondents other than their time.

The total estimated annualized burden hours are 4,412.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Type of Respondents	Form Name	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Avg. Burden per Response (in hrs.)
Hospital Chief Executive Officer	Hospital Induction (NHAMCS-101)	458	1	90/60
Ancillary Service Executive	Ambulatory Unit Induction (NHAMCS-101U)	1,750	1	15/60
Physician/Registered Nurse/ Medical Record Clerk	ED Patient Record form	33	100	7/60
Physician/Registered Nurse/ Medical Record Clerk	OPD Patient Record form	23	200	14/60
Physician/Registered Nurse/ Medical Record Clerk	ASC Patient Record Form	23	100	7/60
Medical Record Clerk	Pulling and re-filing Patient Records (ED, OPD, and ASC)	696	133	1/60

Ancillary Service Executive - Reabstraction	Reabstraction Telephone Call	72	1	5/60
Medical Record Clerk - Reabstraction	Pulling and re-filing Patient Records (ED, OPD, and AS)	72	10	1/60

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